

App. No. 09/098,366  
Amendment dated June 18, 2004  
Reply to Advisory Action of March 15, 2004  
(final Office action of December 19, 2003)

### REMARKS

A telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner William Bashore and Attorneys Timothy Sullivan and John Farrell on May 4, 2004. A proposed amendment to Claim 1 in view of the *Van De Vanter* and *Fukunaga* prior art references was discussed. No agreement was reached as to the allowability of any of the pending claims. The Examiner will consider whether the proposed amendment regarding rules and type of formatting overcomes the art of record.

Claims 1 and 3-28 were pending in this application before submission of this paper. Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 15, 16, and 20-22 have been amended. Claim 12 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-28 are now pending in this application. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,857,212 issued to *Van De Vanter*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,627,948 issued to *Fukunaga*. Claims 22, 27 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Multi-Edit Text Editor Version 8.0 (hereinafter *Multi-Edit*). Claims 23-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Multi-Edit* in view of WordPerfect for Windows version 6.1.

Claim 1, as amended, recites, "changing a presentation of the cursor to indicate the type of formatting that will be applied to text and objects inserted at the location of the cursor; [and] performing formatting based on the selected rule to place the insertion point in the electronic document at the location of the cursor."

Neither *Van De Vanter*, *Fukunaga*, nor any combination thereof teach the limitation recited in Applicant's Claim 1. *Van De Vanter* teaches changing cursor presentation. The size of the top and bottom parts of an I-beam shaped cursor are varied to reflect the size of the visual whitespace gap between tokens in which the cursor is positioned. (col. 36, lines 65-67). *Fukunaga* teaches changing the format of a sentence display for each line of text in a document.

Changing the size of a cursor and the format of a sentence display is different from the limitations recited in Applicant's Claim 1. Thus, neither *Van De Vanter*, *Fukunaga*, nor any combination thereof anticipates nor make obvious Applicant's Claim 1. Applicant therefore

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submits that Claim 1, as amended, is proposed to be allowable and notice to that effect is solicited.

Claims 9, 10, 14, 15, 18, 21 and 22, include substantially the same limitations discussed above in regard to independent Claim 1. As stated above, Claim 1 is proposed to be allowable. Therefore, independent Claims 9, 10, 14, 15, 21 and 22 are proposed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as independent Claim 1, and notice to that effect is solicited.

Claims 3-8, 11, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, and 23-28 are dependent on allowable base claims and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 1, 10, 15 and 22 are allowable.

### CONCLUSION

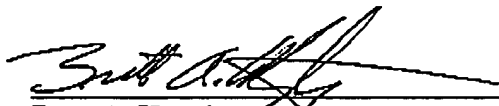
In view of the foregoing remarks, pending Claims 1 and 3-11 and 13-28 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons stated above and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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